

Divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/254,782

REMARKS

As indicated above, this is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application of U.S. Serial No. . This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently filed with the Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application, of which claims 1-5 have been canceled and no new claims have been added.

By this amendment, Applicants respectfully request that claims 6-9 be examined on the merits.

The above amendments are believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination. Early and favorable action is awaited.

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